(ग) राज्य सरकार द्वारा इस प्रयोजनार्थ संस्वीकृत की गई गैर-सरकारी कम्पनियों के नाम क्या हैं?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) से (ग) औद्योगिक लाइसेंस के लिए केन्द्र सरकार की मंजूरी तभी आवश्यक होती है जब प्रस्तावित परियोजना को 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार 10 लाख से अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले शहर की मानक नगरीय क्षेत्र की परिसीमाओं की परिलेखा से 25 कि०मी० के भीतर अवस्थित किया जाना हो और यदि परियोजना 25 जुलाई, 1991 से पूर्व राज्य सरकार द्वारा "औद्योगिक क्षेत्र" के रूप में घोषित क्षेत्र में स्थापित न हो। इस्पात क्षेत्र में अन्य सभी परियोजनाओं के संबंध में उद्यमियों को उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक अनुमोदन सचिवालय (एस०आई०ए०) को निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ज्ञापन देना अपेक्षित होता है।

उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार निजी क्षेत्र में इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए आशय-पत्र जारी करने हेतु केन्द्र सरकार को गुजरात सरकार से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Participation of Medium and Small Scale Sectors in the Development of Steel Industry

907.SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the liberalisation of the steel sector, Government has laid down any clear cut guidelines for participation of the medium/small scale sector vis-a-vis the major participators, in its development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the manner in which the normal growth of the medium and small scale sectors is sought to be ensured; whether any checks and balances have been formulated for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial/technical supports being provided to the medium/small scale sector to ensure the percolation of gains of the liberalistion policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Liberalisation policy in the steel sector has done away with licensing and controls on pricing and distribution. The steel sector, in its entirety, is subject to the provisions of the new industrial policy under which it has been accorded the status of a "high priority" industry. No separate guidelines or provision of check and balances, other than the provisions of the new industrial policy, have been necessary for purposes such as ensuring participation, normal growth, or providing any special and exclusive financial technical support to the medium and small scale industries in the steel, sector.

Agro Based Industries

908.SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agro based industries;

(b) the details of the industries in regard to which proposals are pending for treating them as agro based industries;

(c) the time by which an announcement is likely to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) Agro-based industries cover a wide range of articles made out of the products of agricultural and allied activities.

These include both food products and non-food products.

Food Processing Industries based on agricultural activities inter-alia include cereals and pulses processing industries, fruits & vegetable processing industries, milk & milk product industries, meat, fish and poultry processing industries, sugar, edible oils, oleoresins, etc. Bookeeping is also considered agro-based activity.

Non-food industries based on agricultural activities include jute and mesta-based industries, cotton textiles, sericulture industry, cattle feed, poultry & fish feeds, medicines from herbs, paper and allied products etc.

Besides processing, packaging of agro-based products is also an agro-based industry.

(b) and (c) According to information

furnished by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, no proposal is pending with them for treating a particular activity as agro-based industry.

Deviation from the DPE Guidelines

909.SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HIL management has deviated from the DPE guidelines in the matter of lower level officers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor/

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Enhancement of Job Reservations for SCs and STs

910.SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to enhance reservations for SCs and STs in the Central Government jobs;

(b) if so, when the reservation parcentage was fixed for SCs and STs in Government jobs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to reserve 30% of Central Government jobs for ladies?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) In view of the 50% ceiling on reservation, no proposal for enhancement of the percentage reserved for SCs and STs is under consideration.

(b) Percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were fixed @ 12.5% and 5% respectively vide Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 42/21/49 NGS dated 13.9.1950 and revised @ 15% and 7.5% respectively vide Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 27/25/68-Estt. (SCT) dated 25.3.1970.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Funds Spent on Publicity

911.SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent on publicity in 1995-96 by Government to high-light policies and achievements by Rural Development Ministry; and

(b) the details of sector-wise spending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAM BHAI H. PATEL): (a) An amount of Rs. 1382.96 lakhs (one thousand three hundred eighty two lakhs and ninety six thousand) has been spent during 1995-96 for making people aware of the programmes of this Ministry and to activate target groups for taking benefits from the programme meant for them.

(b) A Statement showing the details of sector-wise release of funds is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of Sector-wise Release of funds by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment During 1995-96

	Sector	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Advertisements through Directorate of Advertising & Publicity (DAVP)	23.34
2.	Films produced by the Ministry	11.73
3.	Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign through District Rural Development Agencies	26.50